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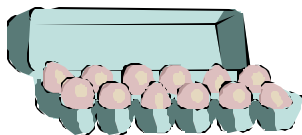
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Florida, prices were lower on the medium and smaller sizes. In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to at times barely steady. Retail demand was mixed in a full range of light to good, mostly fair however, with better movement centering around the limited feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to available, instances fully adequate. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product was usually limited to regular commitments. Light type hens were generally ample for slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on the larger sizes, unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was mostly fair, but usually better where limited feature activity was present. Supplies were generally adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light demand with most trading centering on regular commitments. Light type fowl were ample for schedules which ranged from normal to less than normal.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was mostly fair to occasionally moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was about steady. Retail and food service demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for all sizes. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate. The trade sentiment was mixed from steady to weak.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone barely steady. Demand mixed and ranged from light to good, best where limited features are a factor. Supplies generally adequate.

SOUTHERN In Florida, prices were lower on the medium and smalls, unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was generally fair entering the week. Supplies were adequate to available. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern Region for the week ending May 12, 2000, was 48.98 cents, 5.56 cents less than the week before, and .41 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the unaggressive demand. Offerings of spent hens to processors were usually ample for current slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 13% lower than last Monday with California down 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 14%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	84-86	76-78	55-57
New York	54-56	51-54	45-48
Philadelphia	52-54	50-52	44-45
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	37-38
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-62	46-60	42-56
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	40-45	39-44	36-41
Detroit (2)	37-40	36-39	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	38-43	37-41	33-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	41-48	39-46	36-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	58-61	53-57	49-52
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	78	71	68

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 11% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 48. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 59-129, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 79, 18 pack 98-99.
PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	78
LARGE	71
MEDIUM	68
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	187-199

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE
JUMBO	219-269
EXTRA LARGE	189-249
LARGE	179-209
MEDIUM	139-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 19, 2000 will increase by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 12, 2000 were 214,790 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	183,185	31,605	214,790
% change from the prior week.....	+13	-6	+10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate for current needs. Trade sentiment mixed from steady to weak.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	22-27	24-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-13	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow to no better than fair with supplies available for sale. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-17	10-12	11.38

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower than a week earlier. Buyers were cautious and unaggressive for usually ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Cannerys were usually adequate or available. Market conditions were barely steady to weak.

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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-15	7-10	9.26

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING
FOB PLANT

TOO FEW TO REPORT
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM May 15, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.4	11.1	7.2	10.9	7.5 44.1
	Change	0.6	-1.8	-2.2	-3.8	-1.8 -17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.1	37.4	12.8	25.6	18.1 114.0
	Change	3.6	3.4	1.2	-5.5	-1.5 1%
Large	Curr Wk	35.3	89.5	58.5	71.1	82.9 337.3
	Change	6.9	-9.8	-8.9	-13.6	-7.5 -9%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.6	24.9	12.0	20.9	21.1 94.5
	Change	4.3	1.2	-0.5	5.5	-3.0 9%
Small	Curr Wk	2.3	6.9	1.8	2.5	3.7 17.2
	Change	-0.6	0.5	0.6	-0.8	-2.0 -12%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.1	16.8	7.5	11.3	6.2 45.9
	Change	0.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.9 2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.3	53.5	22.4	27.8	36.6 160.6
	Change	-2.0	2.6	6.2	1.0	-10.5 -2%
Total	Curr Wk	105.1	240.1	122.2	170.1	176.1 813.6
Percent	Change	14%	-1%	-3%	-9%	-13% -4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	813.6	-4%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	406.1	1%	39

Total Shell Egg	1219.7	-3%	209
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 02, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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163	159.9	150.9	109.9
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MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 02, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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127	127	117	77
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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 12, 2000**CURRENT LOADS** 15.50**FUTURE LOADS** 9.75**TOTAL LOADS** 25.25

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	30.00	—	29.50	31.50	—	—	5.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	27.50	29.00	—	—	2.00		GNR W 3	—	28.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W XL	29.00	32.00	—	—	—	36.25	2.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	35.50	32.00	—	2.00		GL W LG	27.00	—	—	—	—	34.90	2.50	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.75										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.00	26.00	4.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	16.50	18.00	1.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/06/00-05/12/00**CURRENT LOADS** 83.75**FUTURE LOADS** 38.00**TOTAL LOADS** 121.75

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	29.00	—	30.17	31.56	31.00	28.80	27.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	27.75	31.00	3.00		GNR W 2	—	30.75	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	27.50	29.00	24.88	28.00	12.00		GNR W 3	—	26.75	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.50	21.00	1.00		GL W XL	29.00	32.00	—	—	—	38.03	5.75	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	39.00	—	—	2.00		GL W LG	27.00	—	—	—	—	36.07	7.25	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	41.00	45.00	1.00		GL W MD	25.00	—	32.00	33.00	—	33.64	10.25	
GL W XL	—	—	36.50	35.89	30.50	31.67	23.75		GL W SM	—	—	—	—	23.50	26.00	1.00	
GL W LG	—	—	32.38	33.97	26.85	—	12.00										
GL W MD	—	—	29.37	30.50	27.52	—	15.50										
GL W SM	—	—	20.50	23.17	22.00	—	3.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	23.83	25.63	8.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	16.50	18.00	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/30/00 - 05/06/00

Origin State	CO	IN	IA	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	3,332	800	0	0	2,784	0	810	0	7,726
C. CA	2,140	0	0	0	0	940	1,930	0	0	660	5,670
S. CA	4,200	900	26,285	5,856	3,959	7,579	0	5,422	5,031	600	59,832
TTL STATE	6,340	900	29,617	6,656	3,959	8,519	4,714	5,422	5,841	1,260	73,228

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	65-68	57-60	36-39	14-17

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
45-48	36-42	34-39	30-35	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
20-22	18-20	13-15

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
56.71	52.53	42.18

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	5/8/00	5/1/00	5/10/99
PACIFIC COAST	461	467	162
LOS ANGELES	336	359	86

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR MAY 9, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.43
LARGE	143-150	148.21
MEDIUM	124-135	132.33
SMALL	105-109	106.01

Receipts from the mainland: 5/1/00-5/6/00
30-dozen cases 3,951

Receipts from the mainland: 4/23/00-4/29/00
30-dozen cases 2,659

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